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### **RAJASTHAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY Period.**

The report covers the period from 1st April, 1939 to 31st March, 1940.

#### **II. Accessions.**

The total number of publications of all kinds added to the Library during the year 1939-40 was 9,863 as compared with 10,070 during the previous year or 207 less. But, if the number of volumes of old newspapers received from the Bengal Chamber of Commerce be deducted from the figures for both the years, the corresponding figures would be 8,781 and 7,305 respectively, showing an increase of 1,484 for the year under report. A linguistic analysis of the accessions excluding official publications will be found in Appendix 1. Out of the total additions, 1,849 volumes were presented to the library. Of these, 1,646 were in European language (including 1,078 volumes of old newspapers presented by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce) and 203 in Indian and other Oriental languages. This number does not include the publications received free from the Bengal Library, of which the total this year came to 427. The number of books presented to the Library during the year under report was less by 1,613 as compared with that of the previous year; but excluding the volumes of old newspapers referred to above the total number of presentations in 1939-40 was 74 more than in the previous year. The names of donors of more than one volume are given in Appendix II and the thanks of the Imperial Library Council are due to all the persons, and institutions who so very kindly presented these publications.

Other additions to the library included 6,525 volumes of official publications of the Central and Provincial Governments in India and of certain foreign countries. 219 volumes of journals subscribed to by the library were also bound and added to the library, and 843 publications were purchased. Detailed figures of official publications will be found in Appendix VIII.

The "List of Additions" was supplied to the English and Vernacular Press, as before, and the Library authorities are grateful to the Associated Press of India as well as to such of the papers as are giving publicity to the list, for their courtesy.

### III. Shelf-list.

Only seven hundred fifty one volumes could be shelf-listed during the year under report, for which 224 cards were prepared. As the work of compiling the list is taken up only when time permits or a member of the staff can be spared for it, the progress during this year has been rather slow. The collection known as F. D. has, however, now been shelf-listed and work has been started on the C. D. collection.

The total to date of the volumes shelf-listed comes to 168,835 volumes and that of cards written to 80,671.

### IV. Cataloguing.

#### (a) Current.

The total number of publications, excluding official publications and those in certain Indian and Oriental Languages, catalogued during the year was 2,554, for which 6,296 cards and entries were made. These figures show an increase of 1,310 and a decrease of 980 respectively, as compared with the figures for the last year. The total number of new volumes shelf-listed comes to 2,934 and the number of shelf-list cards prepared for them is 989. These figures show an increase of 1,653 and a decrease of 57 respectively, as compared with those of the previous year.

#### (b) New Catalogues.

*Subject Catalogue (2nd Supplement).* Printed copies of this catalogue, which was sent to the press in March 1938, were received in December 1939 and quite a number were distributed free among important libraries both in India and abroad.

*Author Catalogue.* The comparison of the newly compiled catalogue with the existing card catalogue was started in the beginning of the year under report; and entries for letters A-D were scrutinised. There are about 24,000 entries for these four letters. The progress has been rather slow, which is due to many unexpected difficulties coming in the way; e.g., checking the entries with actual books to make sure in doubtful cases of the details of the entries; making fresh cards; bringing together the various editions and volumes of the same book and consequently changing the call-numbers.

The entries for letters A-D have already been sent to the press and about 200 pages of the first proof, up to "Baring", have been corrected and sent back to the press by the end of the year under report. It is expected that two volumes of this catalogue will be out of the press by the end of 1940-41.

### V. Lending Section.

In all 10,325 volumes were lent out as against 11,109 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 784. Out of these, 832 were lent

out for official use and 9,493 to the public. The corresponding figures for 1938-39 were 782 and 10,327. The decrease in the number of volumes lent to the public was due to the fact that the library was closed for over a fortnight for stock-taking purposes and no books were lent out during that period.

Appendix III shows the comparative figures for the last three years.

Appendix IV shows the number and percentage of books lent out to various provinces. Calcutta's percentage has gone up still further, for it is now 96 as against 93 last year. Bengal, excluding Calcutta, borrowed only one book out of every hundred as against two in the previous year, while all other provinces combined got only three out of every hundred.

The number of reminders issued during 1939-40 increased to 617 from 414 last year.

A sum of Rs. 12,592-4-0 was deposited by borrowers of books, while a sum of Rs. 12,966-15-6 was withdrawn by them during the year. The total amount in hand on account of deposits on the 31st March 1940 was Rs. 27,314-6-3.

The Imperial Library being a free library does not charge any fee or subscription from those making use of it; but, having regard to certain attempts that were made to defraud the library in certain ways, it was thought advisable to introduce a system of registering the names and particulars of persons wishing to use the library. A set of rules were consequently framed, and the registration system was introduced from the 1st April, 1939. The number of persons who enrolled themselves as members of the Lending Section during this year was 990. Of these 323 subsequently ceased to be members. 667 members remained on the list at the close of the year. The number of persons who had deposited money before 1st April, 1939, but who are not using the library and so did not get themselves registered is 1,093. Taking these into account there are 1,760 deposits in all.

## VI. Reading Room.

The Reading Rooms were open for 339 days during the year under report as against 352 days in 1938-39. This number includes 48 Sundays and 37 gazetted holidays when the Rooms were open from 2 to 5 P.M. The Rooms were entirely closed for 27 days as against 13 in the previous year. This was due to the stock-taking of the library which lasted for 17 days when the Reading Rooms had to be entirely closed.

The number of visitors to the Reading Rooms totalled 71,324 during the year. This figure is less than the previous year's by 1,092

and the reason for the decrease is that as explained above the department was opened for a lesser number of days.

The lowest attendance recorded was 3,660 in October and the highest 7,048 in August. The daily average for the year, was 210 as against 206 in 1938-39, and 190 in 1937-38. On an average, therefore, 20 more readers visited the Reading Rooms daily than in 1937-38, which represents an increase of 10 per cent.

A further comparison of the figures of attendance mentioned in Appendix VI under the heads "ordinary working days", "Sundays" and "holidays" with those for the previous two years, shows that the increase in attendance in 1939-40 over the figures for 1938-39 and 1937-38, is in respect of the ordinary working days only; the average figures for the first category were 252, 241 and 210 for the second category 76, 80 and 89; and for the third category 99, 106 and 103, respectively.

The number of books requisitioned from the Stack Room during the year under report was 59,283 with a daily average of 175. This figure does not include the number of volumes consulted by readers and contained in the Reference Collection kept in the open shelves of the Reading Room, to which they have free access. As Appendix V shows, the said figures are higher than the figures for the two previous years by 17,491 and 20,460; or in other words there is an increase of 42 per cent. in the number of requisitions for books over that in 1938-39, and of 52 per cent. over that of 1937-38. This is the highest increase registered in any one year, and taken together with the increased figures of attendance points to a more serious use of the library made during the year under review. In fact, on certain days, an unusual rush of readers was experienced, and it became difficult to provide seats for all who came. The overcrowding was particularly noticeable in the afternoons.

The reference staff of the Reading Room had numerous opportunities for rendering assistance to readers. The reference service was not limited only to answering readers' enquiries and referring them to different books or catalogues. It also included help to readers in locating the required material, and advice as to how to make use of the various sources for finding the required information.

Every library reflects closely the varying interests of its readers and these are set out in Appendix VII, which gives an analysis of the total number of calls for books, according to subjects. Literature has for several years past occupied the foremost position which has been further strengthened this year by an increase of 50 per cent. over that of last year. Its use is five times that of the next subject (History), a fact which is all the more remarkable, when it is realized that the library keeps a negligible proportion of fiction and light works. Like Literature, History and Law have maintained their second and third positions for several years, except in 1937-38, when

this order was reversed. History includes Politics and Constitutional History, and the public's unflagging interest in the subject is understandable, while the reason for Law being so strongly fancied by the readers is that the library attracts a large number of lawyers. Geography and Travels which Engineering had superseded last year, have regained their fourth place ; their use in fact has doubled during the last three years and has trebled since 1935-36. Geology too has shown a similar gain of two places and now occupies the fifth position at the expense of periodicals. This is rather surprising, in view of the greater dependence on periodicals under modern conditions which the reference work has indicated in other libraries.

Mathematics has shown a steady increase, for it has risen from the twelfth position in 1936-37 and 1937-38, to ninth in 1938-39, and sixth in this year. The order of the next four subjects is Biography, Administration, Education, and Medicine. The public has, of late years, evinced a keen interest in Biography and the appearance of this subject among the first ten for the second year in succession, (this time registering a further increase of 50%) is noteworthy. The most striking growth however has been in respect of Administration, including both official and non-official publications. From an obscure position which they occupied hitherto, their use has increased to two and a half times that of last year, and to four times that of 1937-38, thus earning for them a place among the first ten subjects. This is probably due to the growing realization by students of Sociology and Useful Arts of the value and wide scope of these documents as a source of information.

Education which occupies ninth place this year is gradually receding into the background, although the reference work in this as in other subjects has heavily increased, the figures for the three years 1937-38 to 1939-40 being 1,031, 1,209 and 1,681 volumes, respectively.

Medicine and Fine Arts have maintained their upward thrust and are now below Education only by a few volumes. The other scientific and technical subjects which have shown consistent progress are Chemistry, Engineering, Botany and Biology. This fact coupled with the one that Geology, Mathematics and Medicine have scored places among the first ten subjects, reflects the determination of the public to study the subjects more and more, although the library pays lesser attention to them so far as the purchase of books is concerned.

Among the subjects least favoured by the public are Physics, Sports, Social Reform and Zoology. The position of certain other subjects from the bottom, such as Numismatics, Philology, Ethnology and Philosophy is more or less unchanged, but each one has secured approximately its share of the total increase in the use of books. Notable changes have occurred, however, in the case of Economics, Science (General), and Religion, each of which has to its credit between 1,200 to 1,500 volumes, as compared with 600 to 900 volumes last year.



2,798 persons enrolled themselves as new members of the Reading Rooms during the year under report. The tickets are valid for three years and this number (which includes renewals) is less than that of last year by 1,267, although the daily average comes to 8 as against 9 of the previous year. The number of daily tickets issued during the same period is 5,549 or 46 less, while the daily average is nearly 17 for this year, as against 16 for the previous year.

The number of research workers admitted to the Private Reading Room during the year was 30 as against 27 last year. These workers came from places as far as Delhi, Bombay, Hyderabad-Deccan, Lucknow, Agra, and Patna, but the majority of them were local residents. The analysis of the subjects on which the library furnished material to these workers is interesting as exemplifying our resources. These included problems in English and Indian literatures, Indian History and Religions, Sport, Philology, Foodstuffs, Exercise and Theatrical work.

The Reference Collection undergoes but slight changes as far as new additions are concerned. The additions are chiefly in respect of new editions of such works as Annals, Directories, Guides, University Calendars and Year books. In all 79 volumes were added as against 75 last year, while 71 volumes were withdrawn from the stock on account of supersession by later editions or deterioration.

## VII. Official Section.

The total number of publications received in this section during the year under report was 6,525. Of these 1,135 were supplied by the various departments of the Government of India and their subordinate and attached offices as against 1,341 last year and 1,339 were received from various Provincial Governments and Indian States, either on payment or free of charge as against 2,024 of last year.

Parliamentary publications and blue-books numbered 891 as against 944 last year, while the United States of America publications out-numbered the previous year's figures by 391, their total being 2,402. The League of Nations supplied 232 or 53 less whereas certain foreign countries and a few dominions and colonies together presented 526 volumes or 41 more. The figures for Burma have been included among the category C—Miscellaneous; but for the sake of comparison these have been excluded from last year's figures also. The thanks of the Library Council are due to all these Governments for the interest they have exhibited in this library by presenting their valuable publications.

Out of the total number of publications received, 945 American and 1,005 other publications were catalogued while the rest, being serial publications, were dealt with by entering them in progress-slips. 3,190

old American Publications were accessioned and 4,317 (including 1,127 already accessioned) were disposed of by cataloguing and entering in progress-slips during the year. This brings the total of these old U. S. A. publications to a little over 12,000.

The pasting of correction slips is being kept up-to-date.

Comparative figures for this section for the last three years will be found in Appendix VIII.

### VIII. Buhar Library.

257 books were added to this section, as against 251 of the previous year. Of these 71 were in Arabic, 62 in Persian and 124 in Urdu. Out of the total additions 154 were purchased (5 less than last year) 11 were received from the Bengal Library and 92 were presentations. The number of persons who used this section was 1,604 as against 1,898 of the previous year. 306 books were lent out. The decrease is possibly due to the library having remained closed for over a fortnight due to stock-taking. The number of bibliographical references supplied was 303. One Research worker from Hyderabad-Deccan was among those who made use of this collection during the year under report. The classification work of the Buhar Collection of printed books was undertaken during this year and the Urdu and Persian collections were classified. The classification of the Arabic collection is going on.

### IX. Oriental Section.

487 volumes were added to this section, as against 482 during the previous year, for which 2,570 cards and slips were prepared. There is on the whole an increase of 5 volumes as compared with that of the previous year. Similarly there has been an increase of 50 in the number of volumes purchased, and also an increase of 7 in the number of volumes presented to this section. A statement by languages showing books added is given in Appendix I; and a list of donors of two or more volumes will be found in Appendix II.

Of the total additions, 102 were purchased, as against 52 in the previous year. This number includes 43 Sanskrit, 39 Hindi, 7 Parakrit, 7 Bengali, 2 Gurmukhi, 1 Assamese, 1 Marathi and 2 Tamil works. 272 were received from the Bengal Library; 109 were presented and 4 were replaced by borrowers. The total number of Bengali books added to this section comes to 269, that of Sanskrit to 112, of Hindi to 61 and of other languages to 45, as against 288, 101, 60 and 33 respectively in the previous year.

1,676 cards were prepared and added to the catalogues of different Oriental languages kept in the Reading Room. 1,773 entries were copied on cards for preparing a new Author Catalogue of books in Bengali language. 894 slips were prepared and added to the Sanskrit and Bengali Catalogues which are being compiled for printing. 818

Bibliographical references about Oriental works were supplied to enquirers during the year under review, as against 753 in the previous year. The monthly list of additions to the Oriental Section was regularly published in the local vernacular press.

All the four proofs of the first fifty pages of the Author Catalogue of the Bengali collection, a part of which was sent to the press in October 1938, were corrected and returned to the press. Proofs of the remaining portion are being received in parts.

### X. Periodicals.

The total number of papers, Periodicals and Gazettes received at the end of the year was 382. Six Journals (one Newspaper, three monthlies and two quarterlies) were added to the last year's list, two by purchase and four by gift. Nine (one quarterly and eight monthlies) which were being presented to the library ceased to be received. Another five (two newspapers, one Gazette, one monthly and one quarterly) which were being purchased by the library were discontinued.

Those added were :—

- W 1. Forward Bloc.
- M 2. Immortal message.
- M 3. Mehor Baba.
- Q 4. Indian Journal of Political Science (Subs.)
- M 5. Canadian Geographical Journal.
- Q 6. Quarterly Journal (Subs.)

Those discontinued were :—

- M 1. The Sunday Times. (Pur.)
- M 2. The Observer. (Pur.)
- W 3. Sind Government Gazette. (Pur.)
- M 4. Lloyds Bank monthly Review.
- M 5. Aryan Path.
- M 6. Revue of Applied Entomology.
- M 7. Rotarian.
- M 8. Ubersse Post.
- M 9. Westminster Bank Review.
- M 10. Demag news.
- M 11. Biblio. (Pur.)
- M 12. National Reconstruction.
- Q 13. Theosophical Quarterly.
- Q 14. South African Journal of Economics. (Pur.)

### **XI. Care of books and binding.**

2,463 volumes were sent for binding to the Government of India Press, Calcutta, during the year under review, as compared with 844 of the last year. Comparative figures for three years will be found in Appendix X. The increase was possible because the press could accept more work during 1939-40. Of these volumes, 1,739 were received back, duly bound, till the beginning of the year 1940-41.

The need for more shelf-space continues, especially in respect of accommodation for old newspapers, most of which are lying on the ground, at present.

### **XII. Weeding.**

990 German fiction works referred to in the Report for the year 1937-38 having been sanctioned by the Council in their meeting held on the 26th October 1938, to be discarded were distributed during 1939-40 among the various libraries entitled to receive them.

A list of duplicate Official publications consisting of 185 items and comprising about 700 volumes was placed before the Council at their meeting held on the 4th October, 1939 when they agreed to the publications in question being discarded. A printed list of these was consequently circulated among the libraries eligible to receive the spare publications of this library.

### **XIII. Administration.**

Library Council: The Council's personnel remained the same as in the previous year. It met, as usual, once during the year, on the 4th October, 1939, when the necessary business was transacted.

Dr. S. P. Mookerjee was once more elected Vice-Chairman of the Council, for one year, at the aforesaid meeting of the Council.

### **XIV. Finance.**

Detailed and comparative figures pertaining to this head will be found in Appendix XI. The total receipts from miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 1,780-3-6, out of which a sum of Rs. 1,500 was realised as fees from the students of the Library Training Class. The rest of the amount was derived from sources like sale of duplicate tickets, sale of catalogues, and fines realised for late return of library books by borrowers, etc.

The decrease under Pay of Establishment was due to the retirement of old incumbents drawing higher rates of pay and the recruitment of new hands on lower salary.

The figures for purchase of books included an expenditure of Rs. 500 for printing another portion of *Tarikh-e-Herat*.

#### **XV. Audit of Library Accounts.**

The accounts of the Library for the year 1938-39 were audited in November, 1939. The report was not received till the end of the year under review.

#### **XVI. Office.**

The total number of letters received and despatched was 4,497 and 5,000 respectively. The receipts showed a decrease of 195 while the issues showed an increase of 312, when compared with the figures for the previous year. In addition to this, 617 reminders were despatched to recover overdue books. Comparative figures for the last three years are given in Appendix XII.

The total number of cases recorded and indexed during the year under report was 866, as compared with 509 of the previous year. The work was not up to date at the end of the year.

#### **XVII. Stock-taking.**

Although the checking of a portion of the stock for the purpose of bringing out a revised edition of the Author Catalogue was undertaken in 1938-39, the Library Council, on a reconsideration of the matter, decided to hold a fresh stock-taking during the year under review as otherwise the discrepancies discovered as a result of the said checking would have taken rather a long time to be finally reconciled. Consequently the book-portion of the library excluding the Bengali books was duly checked from the 23rd January to the 7th February, 1940. The remaining portion will have to be checked at a later date.

#### **XVIII. Library Training Class.**

As indicated in the last report, the Third Library Training class was started on the 1st of April and closed at the end of September 1939. The class consisted, as usual, of twenty students selected out of over one hundred applicants for admission.

The selected candidates included sixteen librarians and only four outsiders. Of these seven came from Bengal, five from the United Provinces, two each from Delhi and Bombay, one each from Bihar and the Punjab and two from Indian States.

By communities, there were ten Hindus, eight Muslims, and two Indian Christians.

Of these twenty, fifteen passed the examination, seven obtaining "Distinction". The names of the successful candidates are given below :—

Order of merit.	Name of candidate.	Remarks.
1	N. A. Dalal . . . . .	Distinction.
2	Megnanand . . . . .	Do.
3	Md. Ishtiaq Ansari . . . . .	Do.
4	Nutbehari Chaudhuri . . . . .	Do.
5	{ Ahmad Shuja . . . . . Dhanpat Rai . . . . . }	{ Do.
6	Wilfred N. David . . . . .	Do.
7	G. J. Shipstone . . . . .	Passed.
8	K. G. Bhagwat . . . . .	Do.
9	A. K. Roy . . . . .	Do.
10	Syed Jamil Ahmad Naqvi . . . . .	Do.
11	Jatindra Nath Bhattacharjee . . . . .	Do.
12	Prafulla Kumar Sarkar . . . . .	Do.
13	Ajodha Prasad . . . . .	Do.
14	Malik Nazir Ahmad . . . . .	Do.

Having regard to the large number of applicants who could not get admission to the Third Library Training Class, the Council of the Library decided to open another class in 1940, instead of in 1941. This class started from the 1st March 1940. The number of applicants for admission was 50 out of whom 20 were selected. Of these eleven were persons already working in libraries and nine were outsiders. The number of admitted candidates from various provinces is given below :—

Bengal 9; U. P. 3; Bihar 1; Delhi 1; C. P. 2; Punjab 1; N.-W. F. P. 1; Indian States 2. Out of them four were Muslims, one Indian Christian, and fifteen Hindus.

## APPENDIX I.

*Linguistic Analysis of books added to the Library.*

Language.	Year.		
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
1. Arabic . . . . .	58	60	71
2. Assamese . . . . .	4	4	7
3. Bengali . . . . .	330	288	269
4. Burmese . . . . .	..	3	..
5. Canareso . . . . .	..	..	1
6. Chinese . . . . .	..	..	10
7. Danish . . . . .	5	12	18
8. Dutch . . . . .	14	2	10
9. English . . . . .	1,798	1,340	2,431
10. Finnish . . . . .	7	5	8
11. French . . . . .	35	33	33
12. German . . . . .	52	40	28
13. Greek . . . . .	..	..	6
14. Gujrati . . . . .	5	5	1
15. Halbi . . . . .	1	..	..
16. Hindi . . . . .	53	60	61
17. Italian . . . . .	50	6	4
18. Japanese . . . . .	..	..	6
19. Javanese . . . . .	1	..	2
20. Latin . . . . .	17	..	10
21. Malayalam . . . . .	3	..	1
22. Marathi . . . . .	2	1	5
23. Mikir . . . . .	..	..	1
24. Nepali . . . . .	2	..	5
25. Pahlavi . . . . .	..	1	..
26. Pali . . . . .	8	6	2
27. Persian . . . . .	30	50	62
28. Prakrit . . . . .	..	2	9
29. Punjabi . . . . .	..	1	4
30. Russian . . . . .	4	..	2
31. Sanskrit . . . . .	139	101	112
32. Spanish . . . . .	10	26	24
33. Swedish . . . . .	2	1	8
34. Tamil . . . . .	2	1	5
35. Telugu . . . . .	1	..	1
36. Tibetan . . . . .	..	9	1
37. Urdu . . . . .	101	84	124
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Total . . . . .	2,734	2,156	3,342

## APPENDIX II.

*List of Donors of Books.*

DONORS.	No. of Vols.	DONORS.	No. of Vols.
1. Academia de la historia de Cuba, Habana . . . . .	4	22. Drivodi, Mr. S., Calcutta . . . . .	2
2. Adhikari, Mr. R. C., Calcutta . . . . .	2	23. Educational Policies Commission, Washington . . . . .	2
3. Ahmad Murtaza, Nayar, Saronj (Malwa) . . . . .	2	24. Education, Health and Lands, Department of Government of India, Now Delhi . . . . .	12
4. Al-Hilal. Cairo (Egypt) . . . . .	2	25. Gandhi, Mr. M. P., Calcutta . . . . .	5
5. Bengal Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta . . . . .	1,078	26. Geological Survey of India, Calcutta . . . . .	92
6. Bhattacharya, Mr. V. K., Calcutta . . . . .	2	27. Gode, Mr. P. K., Poona . . . . .	2
7. Biblioteca Del Poder Legislativo, Montevideo . . . . .	4	28. Government of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico . . . . .	21
8. Board of Economic Enquiry, Punjab, Lahore . . . . .	3	29. Huntington Library, California. . . . .	4
9. Bose, Mr. A. N., Calcutta . . . . .	9	30. Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta . . . . .	4
10. British Academy, London . . . . .	2	31. Indian Cotton Committee, Bombay . . . . .	8
11. British Museum, London. . . . .	10	32. Indian Library Association, Calcutta . . . . .	5
12. British Rubber Publicity Association, London . . . . .	5	33. Institute of Scientific Research, Manchoukuo . . . . .	6
13. Chaso National Bank, New York . . . . .	4	34. Jaipur State, Jaipur . . . . .	4
14. Consulate General for Japan, Calcutta . . . . .	2	35. Jamiah Milliyyah Islamiyyah, Delhi . . . . .	3
15. Council of International Office, Chungking . . . . .	4	36. Kegl Dansko Videnskabernes Selskab, Copenhagen . . . . .	19
16. Datta, Mr. Y. N., Calcutta . . . . .	3	37. Koninklijk Bataviasch, Batavia . . . . .	10
17. De, Mr. G. C., Calcutta . . . . .	2	38. Laboratory of Paleontology, U. S. S. R. . . . .	2
18. Direccion de Kusananza Primaria, Montevideo . . . . .	2	39. Library of Congress, Washington . . . . .	2
19. Director General of Commercial Intelligence, Calcutta . . . . .	4	40. Library Academy, Kabul . . . . .	22
20. Director of Oriental Institute, Baroda . . . . .	10	41. Manager of Publications, Delhi. . . . .	5
21. Dugin, Mr. M. L. S., C/o. French Consulate General, Calcutta . . . . .	2	42. Mutsuddi, Mr. V. L., Chittagong . . . . .	2



APPENDIX II—*contd.**List of Donors of Books—contd.*

DONORS.	No. of Vols.	DONORS.	No. of Vols.
43. National Library of Peiping . . . . .	4	62. Registrar, Uppsala University, Uppsala . . . . .	6
44. Nizamat Jang, Nawab, Sir, Hyderabad . . . . .	2	63. Roy, Mr. R. P., Calcutta . . . . .	2
45. Osmania University Translation Bureau, Hyderabad . . . . .	36	64. Royal Asiatic Society of Bengal, Calcutta . . . . .	17
46. Parsi Panchayat Funds and Property, Bombay . . . . .	4	65. Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay Branch of the, Bombay . . . . .	2
47. Pithawala, Mr. M. B., Karaohi . . . . .	6	66. Sharma, Mr. B. R., Calcutta . . . . .	3
48. Recyler, Mr. L., Belgique . . . . .	2	67. Shephard, Dr. C., Calcutta . . . . .	104
49. Registrar, Allahabad Univer- sity, Allahabad . . . . .	3	68. Societas Scientia Fennica, Helsingfors . . . . .	8
50. Registrar, Andhra University, Waltair . . . . .	2	69. Stoin, Sir A., Baghdad . . . . .	4
51. Registrar, Annamalai Univer- sity, Annamalai . . . . .	2	70. Superintendent, Government Printing, Allahabad . . . . .	9
52. Registrar, Bombay University, Bombay . . . . .	2	71. Susestaria Rebasionos Exter- iores, Mexico . . . . .	4
53. Registrar, Calcutta University, Calcutta . . . . .	48	72. Thomson College of Civil Engi- neering, Roorki . . . . .	4
54. Registrar, Dacca University, Dacca . . . . .	2	73. Vidyabhusan, Mr. A. C., Calcutta . . . . .	7
55. Registrar, John Hopkins Uni- versity, Baltimore . . . . .	6	74. Viswabharati, Santiniketan, Bo- lpur . . . . .	8
56. Registrar, Lucknow University, Lucknow . . . . .	2	75. Vivas, Mr. Y. N., Calcutta . . . . .	5
57. Registrar, Madras University, Madras . . . . .	16	76. Yusuf Ali, Mr. A., London . . . . .	2
58. Registrar, McGill University, Montreal . . . . .	2	Total . . . . .	1,727
59. Registrar, Minnesota University, U. S. A. . . . .	2	Other Donors who presented one volume each . . . . .	122
60. Registrar, Nagpur University, Nagpur . . . . .	4	Total . . . . .	1,849
61. Registrar, Rangoon University, Rangoon . . . . .	5		

**APPENDIX III.**  
*Lending Department.*

Borrowers.	Years.		
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Volumes lent to Government Offices . . . . .	1,589	782	832
Volumes lent to Public . . . . .	10,300	10,327	9,493
Total . . . . .	11,888	11,109	10,325

**APPENDIX IV.**  
*Statement of books lent, according to Provinces.*

Provinces.	1937-38.		1938-39.		1939-40.	
	No. of vols.	Percent- age.	No. of vols.	Percent- age.	No. of vols.	Percent- age.
Assam . . . . .	..	..	50	·45	31	·3
Bengal (excluding Calcutta) . . . . .	880	7·452	194	1·746	75	·726
Bihar . . . . .	15	·126	18	·162	11	·107
Bombay . . . . .	70	·593	26	·234	61	·590
Central India . . . . .	482	4·054	84	·750	47	·455
Central Provinces . . . . .	35	·297	47	·423	20	·194
Madras . . . . .	59	·413	59	·531	59	·571
N.-W. F. Province . . . . .	9	·075	9	·081	9	·087
Orissa . . . . .	2	·016	..	..	..	..
Punjab . . . . .	62	·521	72	·648	52	·504
Sind . . . . .	..	..	19	·171	3	·029
United Provinces . . . . .	141	1·191	168	1·521	69	·668
Burma, Andamans, Goa, etc. . . . .	11	·097	3	·027	4	·039
Total . . . . .	1,774	14·851	749	6·750	441	4·270
Calcutta . . . . .	10,114	85·077	10,360	93·257	9,884	95·730
Grand Total . . . . .	11,888	100	11,109	100	10,325	100

# **APPENDIX V.** *Reading Room Statistics.*

	Years.	
	1937-38.	1938-39. 1939-40.
Number of visitors . . . . .	67,534	72,416 71,324
Number of books requisitioned from the Stack Room . . . . .	38,823	41,792 59,283

# **APPENDIX VI.**

*Detailed figures showing the number of Readers, and books requisitioned from the Stack Room During 1939-40.*

Detailed figures showing the number of Readers, and books requisitioned.										
—	Ordinary working days.			Sundays on which the Reading Rooms were open.			Holidays on which the Reading Rooms were open.			Total number of days on which the Reading Rooms were closed.
	No. of days.	No. of Readers.	No. of Requisitions.	No. of days.	No. of Readers.	No. of Requisitions.	No. of days.	No. of Readers.	No. of Requisitions.	
.	251	61,010	54,532	48	3,639	2,377	37	3,615	2,171	27
Total . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Daily average . . . . .	..	252	215	..	70	54	..	99	59	..

## APPENDIX VII.

*Analytical statement by subjects of books requisitioned from the Stack Room.*

Subject.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	Vols.	Vols.	Vols.
Administration . . . . .	489	705	1,773
Agriculture . . . . .	434	724	1,087
Archæology . . . . .	405	775	1,136
Astronomy . . . . .	529	900	1,012
Bibliography . . . . .	599	916	922
Biography . . . . .	774	1,159	1,807
Biology . . . . .	828	1,008	1,270
Botany . . . . .	920	1,109	1,387
Chemistry . . . . .	933	1,104	1,524
Economics including Finance & Trade . . . . .	761	962	1,443
Education . . . . .	1,031	1,209	1,681
Engineering including Industries and Manufactures . . . . .	1,186	1,440	1,441
Ethnology, Anthropology, etc. . . . .	851	1,167	955
Fine Arts, etc. . . . .	928	1,155	1,618
Folklore, Mythology, etc. . . . .	759	1,089	1,096
Geography Travels & Topography . . . . .	1,223	1,264	2,384
Geology . . . . .	1,020	1,219	2,094
History . . . . .	1,313	2,187	3,377
Law . . . . .	1,644	2,091	2,650
Literature . . . . .	15,370	10,317	16,557
Mathematics . . . . .	917	1,175	1,939
Medicine . . . . .	679	1,187	1,663
Numismatics . . . . .	357	649	876
Periodicals, and Newspapers . . . . .	1,078	1,360	984
Philology . . . . .	539	828	916
Philosophy . . . . .	720	933	1,089
Physics . . . . .	514	638	767
Religion . . . . .	668	825	1,496
Science, general . . . . .	654	611	1,253
Social Reform, etc. . . . .	317	611	300
Sports and games, etc. . . . .	199	309	537
Zoology . . . . .	94	136	203
Total . . . . .	38,823	41,792	59,283

## APPENDIX VIII.

*Official Section.*

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
<i>A.—Total number of publications supplied by the Central and Provincial Governments—</i>			
1. Central Government . . . . .	1,361	1,341	1,135
2. Assam . . . . .	68	228	102
3. Bengal . . . . .	200	187	255
4. Bihar and Orissa . . . . .	147	233	261
5. Bombay . . . . .	169	337	171
6. Central Provinces . . . . .	161	131	141
7. Madras . . . . .	84	350	75
8. North-West Frontier Province . . . . .	57	97	73
9. Punjab . . . . .	151	196	75
10. United Provinces . . . . .	101	195	116
11. Indian States . . . . .	56	70	70
Total . . . . .	2,555	3,365	2,474
<i>B.—Other publications—</i>			
1. Parliamentary publications and blue books . . . . .	804	944	891
2. U. S. A. Government documents . . . . .	1,923	2,011	2,402
3. League of Nations . . . . .	304	285	232
Total . . . . .	3,031	3,240	3,525

APPENDIX VIII—*contd.**Official Section—contd.*

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
<i>G.—Miscellaneous—</i>			
1. Australia . . . . .	449	485	526
2. Burma . . . . .			
3. Canada . . . . .			
4. Ceylon . . . . .			
5. China . . . . .			
6. Italy . . . . .			
7. Malay . . . . .			
8. New Zealand . . . . .			
9. Philippines . . . . .			
10. South Africa . . . . .			
11. West Indies . . . . .			
Total . . . . .	449	485	526
Grand Total . . . . .	6,035	7,000	6,525

## APPENDIX IX.

*Periodicals received in the Library.*

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Weekly and Fortnightly. . . . .	35	33	33
Monthly . . . . .	146	151	145
Bi-monthly . . . . .	6	6	6
Quarterly . . . . .	83	84	84
Others . . . . .	80	80	80
Newspapers . . . . .	22	22	21
Gazettes . . . . .	14	14	13
Total . . . . .	386	390	382

## APPENDIX X.

*Publications bound.*

Years.	Books and Periodicals.	Newspapers and Gazettes.	Total.
1937-38 . . . . .	3,478	91	3,569
1938-39 . . . . .	696	148	844
1939-40 . . . . .	2,322	141	2,463

## APPENDIX XI.

*Finance*

## I.—Receipts.

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
1. Sale of Duplicate Tickets . . . . .	40 0 0	67 0 0	55 0 0
2. Sale of Catalogues . . . . .	31 4 0	83 1 0	31 13 0
3. Deposits forfeited . . . . .	9 0 0	..	3 9 0
4. Miscellaneous Receipts . . . . .	22 4 0	65 10 0	68 11 0
5. Fines realised from borrowers of books . . . . .	82 3 0	179 11 0	121 2 0
6. Fees realised from students of the Library Training Class . . . . .	950 0 0	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
Total . . . . .	1,134 11 0	1,895 6 0	1,780 3 6

APPENDIX XI—*contd.*

## II.—Grant (Final figures).

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pay of Officer . . . . .	13,752	14,390	14,070
2. Pay of Establishment . . . . .	28,300	26,893	23,600
3. Purchase of Books, etc. . . . .	10,550	9,050	10,300
4. Other Expenses . . . . .	6,120	2,092	2,910
5. Allowance, Honorarium, etc. . . . .	1,883	728	1,490
Total . . . . .	60,605	53,153	53,270
<i>Deduct</i> —Amount received from Bengal Government.	16,600	16,123	16,000

## III.—Expenditure.

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pay of Officer . . . . .	13,752	14,376	14,969
2. Pay of Establishment . . . . .	28,298	26,868	23,467
3. Purchase of Books, etc. . . . .	8,952	11,258	8,956
4. Other Expenses . . . . .	5,984	1,950	2,845
5. Allowance, Honorarium, etc. . . . .	1,883	722	1,489
Total . . . . .	58,869	55,180	51,726



## APPENDIX XII.

*Statement showing the number of letters received and issued.*

	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.
Receipts . . . . .	5,625	4,692	4,497
Issues . . . . .	5,220	4,688	5,009
Reminders for return of books lent . . . .	447	414	617

